

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 185, H.R. 3548, the Plain Language in Government Communications Act of 2007, I would have voted in favor of the bill. I was held up in Pennsylvania due to a car accident that shut down the PA Turnpike.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea".

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE DIOCESE OF ST. CLOUD CATHOLIC CHARITIES' MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and pay honor to the immense service the Meals on Wheels Association of America, MOWAA, has made to the most vulnerable senior citizens of our Nation. The MOWAA represents a number of member senior nutrition programs in each State throughout the country, including several in Minnesota.

This organization represents America's commitment to community service by restoring dignity and respect to all citizens, regardless of race or religion. In addition, their annual March for Meals campaigns have served as a platform to raise funds, create awareness, and increase the number of volunteers to enhance the association and its critical objectives.

I would particularly like to commend the Meals on Wheels program run by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud. They provide hot, nutritious meals and deliver them to frail, homebound seniors.

Since its humble beginnings in Great Britain during World War II and the first American home-delivered meal program in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in January of 1954, Meals on Wheels has provided vulnerable senior Americans with not only a warm meal, but also a warm heart. There is nothing greater in life than a person's self-respect, and the MOWAA has made that ideal a cornerstone of their mission and organization.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize today the selfless commitment of the Meals on Wheels Association of America and its dedicated volunteers across the country. It is through their service that we can be proud to call ourselves Americans.

CELEBRATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF WEBSTER, TEXAS

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to stand before you today in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the City of Webster, Texas. Webster was incorporated on April 19th, 1958, almost 80 years after it was settled by James W. Webster.

Since its settlement in 1879, Webster has enjoyed a rich and varied history. Its temperate climate and the dedicated work of its residents nursed the fledgling Texas rice industry, now a multimillion-dollar economic success. In more recent years, Webster has become home for much of the aerospace industry and serves as the gateway to Johnson Space Center. Its population has blossomed, from a handful of ranching settlers in 1879 to over 9000 residents.

Webster has also served as a vital connector for the Bay Area. Its official emblem, an unbroken chain, reflects its role as a link in the Bay Area economy and between the cities of Houston and Galveston, as well as the Johnson Space Center. The emblem also symbolizes Webster's constant progress and growth, a connection between the past and the future.

As Webster enters its next 50 years, I have no doubt that it will continue to achieve success. I am proud to celebrate with the residents of Webster their legacy and hopes for the years ahead. I wish the City of Webster a bright future and congratulate them on this golden anniversary.

GAGE CARTER HERRINGTON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Gage Carter Herrington, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 45, and by earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Gage has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Gage participated in the National Youth Leadership Training in Boy Scouts of America. Gage is also a Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say.

Gage has also excelled academically, ranking 11th in his class of 201 at Lafayette High School. Gage participated in the National Geography Bee at the State level, earned a double varsity letter on the debate team, and earned medals at the Science Fair and Science Olympiad.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Gage Carter Herrington for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO THE CLARION PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Clarion Public Library on its 100th year anniversary. The Clarion Public Library serves over 3,000 residents of Clarion, Iowa as well as residents of the surrounding areas in Wright County.

In February 1907, the Clarion City Council voted to contribute \$5,000 to erect and maintain a public library after Mr. Morgan Everts, a pioneer of Webster City, Iowa, offered to supplement the project with a \$10,000 donation. The structure of the library was erected by F.F. McManus at the contract price of \$9,921, without a furnace or furnishings, and was built in the same style of architecture as the Carnegie libraries around the country. The building was opened to the public in April 1908.

The 5,000 square-foot library contains a large basement where the heating plant, store rooms and auditorium are located. A high flagstaff is set in front of the building, designed to hold "Old Glory," which was the gift of Captain Terrell.

From April 1908 to January 1913, Mrs. G.T. Eldridge served as the first librarian and was subsequently followed by Mrs. Irving E. Nagle. Mrs. Marrian Gannon was the longest serving head librarian from 1967 to 1996, and the current head librarian, Nola Waddingham, has served since 1996.

In 1984, a total remodeling of the library was completed. With a grant from the Kinney-Lindstrom Fund and help from the city council, the children's library was moved to the basement, an elevator was installed, and a meeting room for cultural events was constructed. Today the Clarion Library Board and the City of Clarion are raising funds to expand and renovate this historic library.

Throughout the many years the Clarion Public Library staff has strived to meet the needs of the people in the area by providing excellent information and encouraging citizens to read. I congratulate the Clarion Public Library on this historic anniversary. It is an honor to represent Nola Waddingham, the library board of trustees, and all of the Clarion Library staff in the United States Congress, and I wish the Clarion Public Library continued success well into the future.

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